Telegraphic News.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. [Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

Headquarters, Army of the Potomac, December 18th.—A general uncertainty exists as to future movements; but an impression prevails that nothing will be done at present, and officers are obtaining permission in considerable numbers to visit Washington for a few days. A possibility exists that Jackson, who went down the river towards Port Royal the day before yesterday, may cross there and attack our supplies at Belle plain; but that movement is well guarded against. Sigel, who recently arrived in our neighborhood, has departed, with his army, towards Catlett's Station, as a protection to both our right and rear.

The Confederates are busy erecting redoubts upon the heights along the Rappahannock, to prevent the passage of our army, and have fortified to a point at least five miles below Port Royal, or twenty-two miles beyond Fredericksburg. The gunboats are thus driven far down the river, and cannot ascend without being shelled. The Yankee was lately struck by two shots, and had four men killed. The Rappahannock being here very narrow; sharpshooters could, with great ease, pick off from the shore the gunners, in case the boats attempt to operate.

A Baltimore dealer advertises in the Eastern papers that he has 50,000 pounds of white canvas rags for sale. The Boston Courier, in dalling attention to the advertisement, says that this is only a foretaste of the supply on hand, in various quarters, to be soon brought into market at greatly reduced rates.

At last dates the Ohio river was rising rapidly.

Sweet potatoes are said to be an excellent substitute for coffee. They are cut into pieces the size of coffee. They are cut into pieces the size of coffee grains, roasted in a slow oven the same length of time that coffee is, and then mixed with an equal amount of coffee.

The large flouring mill of Messrs. Welsh & Herr, in Georgetown, has been put in operation, and the other mills there also are in full blast. Large quantities of grain are on hand.

Major General John A. McClernand was married to Miss Minerva Dunlap, of Jacksonville, Ill., a sister of his former wife, a few days since.

General Rosecrans has arrested Farther Bimmell, a German Catholic priest of Nashville, for treasonable conduct, and sent him to Camp Chase.

WANTED TO RENT.—A small DWELL-ING HOUSE, or three or four small rooms, suitable for a small family, second floor would answer, locality desired near Government wheelwright and blacksmith shops. Address [dec 23—3t*] G. M., at this office.

SWEET POTATOES, of the finest quality of for sale in quantities to suit purchasers, also PEACH BLOW POTATOES, and about 50 fine fat LIVE TURKEYS, single or by the pair, all at lower prices than elsewhere, on poard schooner Rebecca, of Accomac Co., Va., Capt. A. F. Johnson, lying at the wharf foot of King street.

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Yesterday, in the House of Representatives, Mr. Shellabarger offered a resolution that the committee of ways and means be requested to inquire into the propriety of relieving from taxa'ion all newspapers whose circuiation is under 2,500. Adopted.

Commissioners of Election.—The following are the persons who have been appointed Commissioners for holding an election for a member of the U. S. Congress, on Tuesday, the 6th day of January:—

1st District.—Samuel Baker, Thomas Davey, Jas. Vansant, Chas. W. Noland, Samuel Tucker, Commissioners; I. B. Lovejoy Conductor. Polls on the south side of Prince street, between Water and Union streets.

2d District.—Edward Burchell, George L. Dyson, John T. Taylor, Robert Wade, Chas. B. Shirley, Commissioners; John Doran, Conductor. Polls in the Chamber of the Common Council.

3d District.—Thomas I. Edelen, James A. Stoutenburgh, Alfred Kidwell, James M. Stewart, Edwin Henry, Commissioners; Joseph Colton, Conductor. Polls at the Court House

4th District.—John E. Henderson, Wm. D. Massey, Robt. Bell, S. L. C. Sidebottom, Wm. N. Berkley, Commissioners; A. J. Ogden, Conductor. Polls northwest corner of Prince and Alfred streets.

5th District.—H. S. Wonder, Richard Southern, W. B. Lacey, Wesley Carlin, Harvey Bailey, Commissioners; Chas. W. Payne, Conductor. Polls at Ball's Cross Roads.

DIED.

On the 22d inst., ROBERT, infant son of the late Thomas S. and Julia B. Jamieson, aged one year. The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of its mother, on Pitt street, between Prince and Duke.

On the 22d inst. Mr. SAMUEL BARTLE, in the 79th year of his age, for 58 years a highly respected citizen of Alexandria. His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend his funeral to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

On the 12th inst., at Springfield, Illinois, Mrs. ELIZABETH GODWIN, widow of the late Col. S. Godwin, of this place.

Recently, in Clarke County, Va., Mr. JOHN R. POISAL, second son of the Rev. John Poisal, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At his residence, Alexandria, Va., on the 17th inst., Mr. JOHN ELLIOT, aged 51 years.

PARKER'S VARIETIES.

LIBERTY HALL,

CAMERON STREET, NEAR ROYAL,

SOLE LESSEE AND MANAGER.....DICK PARKER.

GRAND RE-OPENING NIGHT,

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BRILLIANT ARRAY OF TALLENT
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Acknowledged best concert singer on the stage;

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The graceful and facinating danseuse. LITTLE ELLA, The "Child Artist." DICK PARKER,

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MONS. SOL,

The well known versatile performer.

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The Young Jig Dancer.

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JOHN PURCELL,

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MONS. LEMARANT, and others.

LOOK OUT FOR DICK PARKER'S MINSTRELS!

PRICES OF ADMISSION.—Orchestra. 50 cents; Parquette, 25; Ladies to Orchestra, 25 cents. Doors open at 6½ o'clock—Performance to commence at 7½. From North Carolina it is stated that the Federal cavalry had made a raid to Mount Olive depot, on the Wilmington road, nine miles south of Goldsboro', and tore up the railroad, burned the bridges and depots at that point, and also cut the telegraph wires. The Federal troops were at last accounts, advancing along the south side of the Neuse river towards Goldsboro'.

The correspondent of the New York World says: "Rumors are rife of an engagement in this city on Friday, in which Ceneral Halleck, took part as an active combatant, and Secretary Stanton, discarding the sword of Gideon for weapons more primeval, achieved a substantial victory. The Star discrodits these rumors, on the ground of General Halleck's absence from Washington; but I have the evidence of an eye-witness that he returned from Aquia Creek on Friday morning.

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To Dress Circle, 50 cents; Social Range, 25 cents.

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